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The centralized collection of geographically distributed data is accomplished using a system which takes advantage of an interactive programming language, such as Java® and existing wide area networks, such as the Internet including the world wide web (4), to collect high quality data in an information center (10). The information center being connected to remote sites (1) through the wide area network. One or more levels of validation of the data prior to storage in a database is provided for.

